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Dell Pulsipher
1016 East Summit Ridge Drive
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Re: Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, ML 48572 Project,
S/053/063, Washington County, Utah

Dear Mr. Pulsipher:

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations and initial permit application fee, received by the Division on September 28, 2000. The proposed ML 48572 Project is located in the SE1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4 of Section 15, T43S, R15W, SLBM, Washington County, Utah. The application is considered complete and no additional information is required by the Division at this time.

Approval of mineral exploration or mining operations by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining does not constitute approval to commence operations upon state lands or mineral leases administered by the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA). Before conducting mining operations you must provide written notification, meet bonding requirements, and obtain written approval from the appropriate agency.

Your notice included a letter to John Blake, SITLA, that mentions a map of the area that apparently shows additional detail of your operation. The Division requests a copy of this map for our files. This map would allow for a better interpretation of your operation.

In accordance with rule R647-3-105 regarding the project location, the areas to be disturbed should be plotted on a map in sufficient detail so that they can be located on the ground. It is also required that the operator mark the proposed (5 acre or less) disturbed area boundary (including access/haul roads) in the field with metal T-Posts (or with some other marker of equal effectiveness). Markers must be appropriately spaced so that the next marker in either direction is clearly visible with the naked eye.

The Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 [40-8-7(I)] provides the authority for fee implementation which was approved by the Utah Legislature at its 1998 session. Commencing July 1, 1998, the fees are assessed to new and existing notices of intention, and annually thereafter. Small Mining Notices require a \$100.00 annual fee.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices," and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give

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special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a large mining notice could take from six to twelve months or longer.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Doug Jensen".

Doug Jensen
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure: SMO summary
cc: John Blake, SITLA
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